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Nutrition Deficiency in women and children
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether large number of women and children are affected by nutrition deficiency in North Eastern Region and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to meet this challenge;

(c) whether the Government has received any financial help from United Nations or UNESCO for women and child development schemes in North Eastern and other regions of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of funds released for different women and child development schemes during last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has formulated any monitoring system for executing these schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) Yes. As per National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau's report of Third Repeat Survey, conducted by National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) in 2012 the proportion of pre-school children not meeting even 50% of RDA for calcium, vitamin A, riboflavin and vitamin C was about 51- 82%. The intakes of micronutrients such as iron, vitamin A, riboflavin, vitamin C and folic acid were not even 50% of RDA in 51-83% of pregnant women. In general, the extent of micronutrient deficiency was low in non-pregnant and non-lactating (NPNL) women. The proportion of pre-school children with adequate intake of both protein and calorie was 49-60%, while the corresponding figure for non-pregnant and non-lactating women was about 63% and 71%, respectively. Similarly, the proportion of pregnant women and lactating mothers with adequate intake of both protein and calorie was 52% and 60%, respectively.

(b) In order to improve the nutrition in women and children Supplementary Nutrition is provided to bridge the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) and Average Dietary Intake (ADI) under Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. This Ministry is implementing 'Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)–'Sabla', and Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition among women and children. Under the ICDS scheme, nutritious food is provided in the form of (i) Hot Cooked Meal, (ii) Morning Snack and (iii) Micronutrient Fortified Food and/or Energy-dense Food as Take Home Ration (THR).

(c) No Madam, United Nation does not provide funds to the Government for nutrition related schemes.

(d) The details of State/UT-wise funds released for different women and child development schemes related to nutrition (ICDS, Sabla & IGMSY) during last three years and the current year is at annexure-I, II, & III.

(e) Yes. The monitoring and supervision mechanism set up under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is used for the scheme Sabla and IGMSY as well. Performance of the scheme is reviewed on a quarterly/annual basis to identify gaps and for taking corrective measures. Monitoring committees are set up at all levels (National, State, District, Block and Village level) to take stock of the progress of the scheme as also strengthen the coordination and convergence between concerned departments.

Moreover, the scheme guidelines also provides for field visits by the State Officials/District Programme Officer (DPO)/Child Development Project Officer (CDPO)/Supervisors as per the supervision schedule under ICDS.

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